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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3923

INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

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AMEMBASSY ROME

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AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL

C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 2891

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, PN

SUBJECT: BANANAS-UNITED BRANDS (UB)

REF: (A) TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS, WYROUGH/GONZALEZ, MAY 15;
STEIN/OLSON, MAY 16 (B) PANAMA 2614, (C) PANAMA 2334

1.LOCAL PRESS MAY 16 REPORTED WHAT IT IS BELIEVED WALL STREET JOURNAL

REPORTED MAY 15 THAT U.S. AUTHORITIES CONTINUE INVESTIGATING FOR
SPECIFIC ENTRIES IN UB RECORDS ON PAYMENTS TO COSTA RICA, PANAMA,
ITALY AND WEST GERMANY. LOCAL PRESS ALSO REPORTED COSTA RICA
PRESIDENT ODUBER GAVE UB TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR ULTIMATUM TO NAME
RECIPIENTS OF UB BRIBES. THERE IS NO INDICATION PANAMA WILL
TAKE SIMILAR ACTION. GEN. TORRIJOS HAS BEEN IN
ECUADOR AND UB HAS APPARENTLY GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL
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ISSUE DENIAL THAT BRIBES HAVE BEEN PAID TO PANAMANIANIS.

2. MEANWHILE ACCORDING FBIS MAY 15, MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
FERNANDO MANFREDO ANNOUNCED THAT GOP/UB NEGOTIATIONS WILL BEGIN
IN JUNE (INSTEAD OF JULY REF B).

3. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER AS SOON AS MORE INFO BECOMES
AVAILABLE.
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